

House joint resolution No. 484, in relation to the printing of railroad charters, was then announced, and the following veto message thereon read :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS,
AUSTIN, June 2, 1873.

Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR: I return to the House of Representatives, where it originated, the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution in relation to the printing of railroad charters."

The printing of all railroad charters now in force in this State, as called for in this bill, will cost several thousands of dollars, and when printed will be of no substantial use to anybody other than the parties owning the roads, and of not much to them.

This act requires that they shall be printed as an appendix to the general laws, and of this appendix five thousand copies are required, by the act passed at this session, to be printed. The railroad charters now in force would fill a large volume by themselves.

There is another difficulty about the act, in regard to the question of the railroad charters now in force.

It is provided in the act that only charters now in force shall be printed.

There might be a deal of doubt raised as to the vitality of many charters. It is true, it is left to the Attorney

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General to designate or point out such as are in force, but this puts upon him judicial functions which are not consonant with the nature of his office.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.

The joint resolution having been read, was put upon its passage, whereupon it appeared a quorum had not voted.

Mr. Westfall moved a call of the House, which was sustained.

A quorum having been obtained, the call was suspended.

The House then refused to pass the joint resolution by the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Adriance, Harrison, Ireland, Leyendecker, Prendergast, Rimes and Winkler—8.

Nays—Messrs. Speaker, Allison, Anderson, Armstrong, Berends, Bewley, Bordeaux, Broaddus, Brown of Upshur, Brown of Dallas, Chambers, Cunningham, Denton, Eastland, Ford, Gaston, Gillette, Gilpin, Green, Hester, Hoffman, Hollingsworth, Joseph, Kemble, Killough, Kleberg, Lane, Manning, McDonald, Mills, Moore, Morris, Nelson, Noeggerath, Payne, Powers, Rainey, Robb, Roberts, Russell, Sabin, Salter, Sayers, Short, Smith of Colorado, Smith of Houston, Storey, Thurmond, Tivy, Tom, Venters, Westfall, Wilder and Williams—56.